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Base Easter egg hunt set for Saturday

There will be a base community Easter egg hunt Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Robins Elementary School playgrounds.

The event will be hosted by the base chapel and Airman Committed to Excellence. Children 12 and younger are welcome to participate in the hunt. Everyone is invited to come out for free food, fun and activities.

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Don't forget: Daylight-saving time on its way

Daylight-saving time will be effective at 2 a.m. April 3. Clocks will be set forward one hour.

Employees at work when the time changes will be credited with the actual number of hours they worked. The hour lost due to the time change will be charged to annual leave or leave without pay, as applicable.

When one hour of leave is charged due to the time change, the exact hour of absence, 2 to 3 a.m., should be shown on the time and attendance report.

Questions should be referred to your servicing employee relations specialist in the Civilian Personnel Office at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

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Kindergarten, preschool registration set for April 13

Kindergarten and preschool registration will be held April 13 at Robins Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. All preschool students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1. All children attending Robins Elementary School must reside on federal property in permanent military family housing.

For both registrations, parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3231 certificate of immunization from the base hospital or local health department, and certificate of ear, eye and dental examination from the base hospital. If the certificate of immunization or the certificate of ear, eye and dental examination is not available, parents can register their children and present the documents before school starts in August.

All documents are required before school begins.

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A bloomin' good time



U.S. Air Force photo by Tommie Horton

Col. Greg Patterson, installation commander, and his wife Debbie, ride in a humvee provided by the 5th Combat Communications Group in the Cherry Blossom Parade in downtown Macon Sunday. The Pattersons and the Robins Honor Guard represented the base at the festival, which ends Sunday. For a schedule of this weekend's events, visit www.cherryblossom.com.

402nd MXW ready to focus on becoming 'flexibly efficient'

By Lisa Mathews
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The director of the 402nd Maintenance Wing sees the road ahead for the new wing as being "awesome" as it strives to become "flexibly efficient."

Nearly two weeks after his new wing stood up, Ken Percell, 402nd MXW director, elaborated on what he sees as the focus for the wing and what he hopes it will

achieve in the foreseeable future.

The immediate focus, according to Mr. Percell, is for the wing to become flexibly efficient, centering on the idea that the Air Force is transforming, things are changing and maintainers need to become flexible to adapt to those changes. He cautioned, however, that the changes must be made carefully so that while maintainers become more flexible in

their abilities, they efficiently produce items needed by the war fighters on time.

"I think with our adoption of Lean principles we're able to change our production lines, respond to changes and adapt them and still remain efficient for our customers so that we don't incur large costs to change," Mr. Percell said.

"The focus of this wing, over the next little bit, is to



Ken Percell is the 402nd Maintenance Wing director.

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A little history

The Tunner's technology and capability, allows more rapid movement of cargo to all military and commercial cargo aircraft, replacing the 1960s era 40,000-pound transporter/loader and 1970s era wide-body elevator loader. The 60,000-pound loader is named in honor of former Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner who directed the Berlin Airlift from 1948 to 1949, transporting supplies into the Soviet-blocked city. General Tunner retired in 1960 as the Military Air Transport Service commander.

Tunner SPO celebrates end of \$650M acquisition

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Robins' Tunner System Program Office officials traveled across the country last month to take part in a celebration that would end more than a decade of cooperation between government and industry.

The end product — a fulfilled procurement program valued at \$650 million for 318 of the strongest and toughest cargo

haulers the military has ever seen.

According to Lt. Col. Jim Schuman, Tunner System Program Office director, a ceremony commemorating the final production run for the Air Force's top loader, known as the Tunner, was held Feb. 23, at the West Plains, Mo., manufacturing plant where the equipment was built.

"The Tunner is the largest aircraft

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Staying the course: Aircraft production goals on target as fiscal year midway point approaches



Dana Stanley is the 402nd MXG assistant deputy chief.

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The goal of producing at least 95 percent of all aircraft depot maintenance work in fiscal 2005 either on time or early is reaching the midway mark and, according to 402nd Maintenance Group leadership, aircraft production is staying the course.

Dana Stanley, 402nd MXG assistant deputy chief, said there are many challenges still to overcome, but overall the

goal is attainable.

"We've got lots of issues right now, but everyone is engaged, from wing leadership to the parts support people working on the floor," she said. "The wing leadership meets three times a week and representatives from the other wings are also present.

"'95 in '05' is not just a maintenance group goal," she added. "It's a Center goal — something we can't do alone, so we rely on support from a

lot of people."

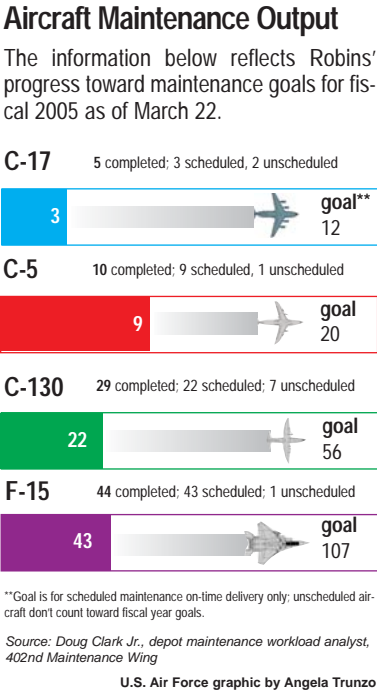
That support has kept them on course so far.

"It's hard as usual, but we're on track," said Mrs. Stanley.

The biggest challenge the production folks have right now is getting the aircraft back to the customer on time.

"These planes aren't just going back to their bases to fly training missions," said Mrs. Stanley. "Many will go back to

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What to know

The Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Military Discount Program gives Middle Georgia businesses a way to help military members and their families by offering discounts on services and products. Participating businesses display a "We Support Robins Air Force Base by Offering a Military Discount" decal in their window. The Family Support Center is receiving information daily from local businesses on their military discounts. This list will be published in a brochure and available to all military personnel in May. To include your business, contact the Family Support Center before April 30 by e-mail at family@robins.af.mil. Information can also be faxed to 926-2361 or mailed to 78 MSS/DPR (Attn: Christine Parker), 725 Ninth St., Suite 100, Robins AFB, GA 31098-2235. For more information, contact the chamber at 922-8585 or the FSC at 926-1256.

Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today

Partly cloudy to cloudy

73/54

Saturday

Cloudy with chance of thunderstorms

78/59

Sunday

Cloudy with chance of thunderstorms

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take the efforts we’ve already made and re-think some parts of them so that they achieve that very difficult combination of being flexible and efficient for our customers.”

Dimensions of change

The director sees three areas which will bring about the changes necessary for the 402nd MXW to achieve its goals. During the next five years the wing will add facilities, training and safety procedures to give the maintenance work force the tools they need to do their jobs on-time without risk of injury.

“The Air Force has been foresighted enough to invest in our depots the capital that it takes to re-form the way we do maintenance,” Mr. Percell said. He noted the ongoing construction of a new paint and depaint facility as well as a new functional test flight facility as examples of this investment in the future.

“Those assets coming to fruition will allow us to equip

ourselves to be flexibly efficient rather than just to teach ourselves to be flexibly efficient and wishing we had the equipment and facilities to do it the right way,” he explained. “I don’t remember any period in the history of our depots where we made this kind of superlative investment in our capability.”

A second area he sees as important to accomplishing the 402nd MXW mission is more formal training for the work force.

“I think we’re putting a new focus, as a result of (Operation Risk Reduction), on training our work force and regimenting that training,” Mr. Percell said. “We’ve had a culture in maintenance of on-the-job training. I see a maintenance staff re-trained across the entire scope of our work force – overhead personnel, white-collar workers, blue-collar workers, our military personnel and everything – in a very rigorous way to be a very capable work force, trained formally in how to do their tasks and not just learn from their predecessors,” he said.

This formalized training will also provide an added advantage

as more and more people in the work force approach retirement age.

“We have a very mature work force,” Mr. Percell said. “Perish the thought that someone with 30, 35, sometimes 40 years of aircraft maintenance or commodities maintenance or electronics maintenance experience is walking out the gate when they retire and is replaced by somebody who only knows what they can garner from (the retiring worker) in a few weeks through on-the-job training.

“We’d rather they were run through a regimen of formal training and they knew exactly how to do that job. They’ll become more and more proficient at it as their personal skill develops. But they’ll know exactly what’s required, what the task is, how it works and it is not learned by oral history from someone in the shop,” he added.

The third key ingredient the wing’s director sees in success is a focus on creating a dramatically safer place to work. He said he has not been in a depot environment for five years and has noticed a disturbing change since his return in January.

“It’s a lot less safe place to work than I remember, and we’re doing some dramatic things to invest in our employees’ safety,” he said.

In describing what areas of safety he believes improvements can be made, Mr. Percell pointed to requiring safety shoes as a simple improvement, or something “as dramatic as resetting the way the line runs for a particular aircraft maintenance task so that it’s done in a facility with a tail stand instead of people on the end of a high lift 65 feet in the air.”

A safe workplace comes from having proper equipment, procedures, training, and a vigorous safety program Mr. Percell said.

“It is the facilitating, it’s the training and then it’s the focus on safety that goes with that so that people can be flexibly efficient and not get hurt, not have the wrong tools and not be doing the job incorrectly.”

A change in culture

Mr. Percell believes the 402nd MXW had a head start on the two new Air Logistics Center wings since Air Force

Materiel Command incorporated all maintenance agencies into one organization at each logistics center two years ago.

“In doing so, we’re probably two years out in front of the parade of the culture change that our people need to make to become a wing,” he said. “We’ve bonded together around a common mission – maintenance and repair of items for the Air Force. But we haven’t yet really embraced and we don’t yet, as a wing, understand the leadership culture of a wing and how it operates.”

To achieve this, the new wings will need to follow the Air Force leadership models for wings, groups and squadrons. One aspect of the change from directorate to wing which will help further this objective is the addition of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron to the maintenance organization.

“The number of military personnel in maintenance has just escalated tremendously,” he said. “I think they, in fact, will be able to help our civilians understand more about this military model of organizing.”

He expressed his confidence

New MXW group leaders

- Aircraft Maintenance Col. Timothy Ryan
- Electronics Maintenance Col. Donald Chew
- Commodities Maintenance Danny King
- Software Maintenance Dr. Thomas Christian
- Maintenance Support Diane Suchan

in the ability of group leaders and the work force to accomplish the mission of the new 402nd MXW.

“As my Commodities Maintenance Group chief said at the activation ceremony earlier this month, ‘Day in and day out, I’ve seen these guys work miracles,’” Mr. Percell said.

“I know these five leaders will defend the rich heritage of the 402nd. The Software Maintenance Group chief made that very apparent when he said, ‘We take this legacy of theirs, and we work it with pride, with dignity, with integrity, with skill, so that peace and freedom may ring around the world’.”

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forces.

“Our military community will benefit, and I personally believe the local businesses offering the discounts will see a benefit in their bottom lines,” Colonel Patterson said.

Christine Parker, Family Support Center director, said the discount program will have an impact on the people her center serves.

“This community – Warner Robins and

Houston County – supports this base better than any other community that I know of,” she said. “This is going to take that support several steps further in that the community is actively reaching out to our military members to let them know what is available to them all over the community, helping military members make better educated decisions about where they want to take their business.”

Airman 1st Class Zach Lauritzen, 99th Air Refueling Squadron KC-135R boom operator, said the program will give Airmen more choice when doing business off base.

“We get a lot of discounts on base, but you don’t always want to stay on base,” he said. “Having discounts at places to eat and places to shop off base is a great idea. I think it’s going to help a lot of people.”

Senior Airman John Grant, 78th Communications Squadron network security technician, agreed.

“It can definitely influence your decision,” he said. “If a business offers a military discount, that’s the one that will get your business. I’d like to see (discounts) in more places so I can save a little money.”

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cargo loader in the Air Force inventory,” said Colonel Schuman. “It can load 60,000 pounds at one time.”

He added that to put the piece of equipment into perspective, the loaders before the Tunner only loaded 40,000 and 25,000 pounds respectively.

The Tunner will completely replace the 40,000 pound loader.

Giving more cargo loading capacity translates to more support for the war fighter and the overall mission. That’s why this event is such a major milestone.

The Tunner SPO was responsible for the development, design and procurement of the loader.

“We went out for competition, and companies built prototypes to try to meet our specifications,” said Colonel Schuman.

The company selected was Systems and Electronics, Inc. – SEI – of St. Louis, Mo., and the first production roll out was in July 1997 at their West Plains manufacturing plant.

“This ALC was responsible for sustaining and maintaining the legacy loaders,” said Colonel Schuman. “Since the loader expertise was here, the thought was the ALC should be in charge of replacing those old loaders with newer technology.”

The 60,000 pound loader, which in 2004 moved 90 percent of cargo into the Southwest Asia Area of Responsibility and 84 percent worldwide, has a large

reach in other ways. It goes from 39 inches to 18 and one-half feet tall so that it can load all aircraft in the Air Force, which enables it to move cargo through the AOR to the field. The Tunner is also highly mobile and can transport a full load of cargo at a maximum speed of 23 mph.

“The low reaches are for military aircraft C-17, C-130 and C-5 and the high reaches are for the Civilian Reserve Air Fleet which are 747s, KC-10s and others that move cargo for the military,” said the colonel.

The last Tunner of the 318 loader fleet will be delivered to Al Uedid, Qatar later this month. Gene Krueger, SEI Tunner program manager, said the completion is not the end of the relationship between Robins and SEI.

“SEI looks forward to working with the Robins team for many more years, as together we ensure that the Tunner program continues to provide leading edge performance in all areas,” he said.

Colonel Schuman agreed:

“It feels good to have been a part of this effort because the program did have some bumps early on. A lot of effort and perseverance went into it. Even though we have other loaders out there this is still the loader of choice out in the field because of its capabilities. So it’s a good feeling to know that you contributed to the success of the equipment and the equipment, is contributing to the success of our country’s mission in Southwest Asia.”

Rail crossing improvements



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera

Norfolk Southern Railroad is making routine upgrades to rail line crossings in Houston County over the next couple of weeks. Work began Sunday at the railroad crossing at Ga. 247 and Watson Boulevard and was completed Tuesday. The intersection was closed and motorists had to make a detour from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday. Above, workers place a new concrete panel that will provide for a smoother railroad crossing.

Base network offers two logon methods

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Most Robins computer users now have two options for logging onto the Robins-2K network, and one of them has added security advantages.

The options don't apply to GAROBI, the Georgia National Guard network, and AFRC, the Air Force Reserve Command, network.

Users of Robins-2K may log on using user identification and password, the method most Robins computer users employ, or with Smart Card Logon using the Common Access Card, or CAC.

CACs have the following enhanced security advantages:

- Automatic locking of the terminal once you remove your CAC
- You can re-insert your CAC into the reader and enter the network without entering user ID and password.
- Access to CAC enabled Web sites
- Availability to send encrypted e-mails
- Availability to sign "digital signature" e-mails

■ Availability of System Access Request for signature signing electronic forms (Forms 41, 43, 2875, etc.)

Some facilities are already equipped so personnel can use their CACs to gain access to buildings.

Using CAC log on will not prevent network log in passwords from expiring every 90 days. Computer users must remove their CACs each time they leave their workstations and at the end of the day to prevent security violations.

In addition, to prevent computer problems, users should log on using one, but not both, methods. To use the Smart Card Logon method, contact your work group manager for assistance. If SCL problems occur, contact the 78th Communications Squadron help desk at 926-HELP (4357) for assistance.

Anyone who has transferred from another DoD installation will not be able to log onto the Robins-2K network using a CAC. Recent transfers should make an appointment with the Military Personnel Flight to have their information updated to reflect their Robins assignments.

In January 2004, Air Force Materiel

Command directed air logistics centers to install CAC PIN machines at the user level. The move was designed to provide users with support and to relieve the Military Personnel Flight workload.

Under the new wing structure, each group has several CAC PIN reset "trusted agents" who can perform the reset function. The Information Technology office at Robins has set up the machines around the base.

Computer users who experience problems may contact one of their designated agents for reset assistance. The CAC PIN machines will be up and operational for base user support by March 31.

A list of trusted agent group representatives is available on the Robins' IT working group site at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/irmt/>. Click on the "CPR Trusted Agent" for group listing.

The Information Technology office has encouraged computer users outside the GAROBI and AFRC systems to start using their CACs. Anyone with questions may call Trusted Agent Security Managers Juanita Griffin or Cassandra Bowick at 926-8562 and 222-2033, respectively.

Robins AFAF campaign reaches \$33,761 in second week

Robins has raised \$33,761, or 37.1 percent of the base's goal, as of March 18 for the Air Force Assistance Fund.

This was the second week of the six-week-long campaign.

"Key workers in some units are just getting started due to operational requirements," said Lt. Col. Mike Pierson, this year's AFAF campaign installation project officer for Robins. "If

you haven't heard from your key worker, please seek them out."

Although key workers will only contact military members, "civilians are welcome to contribute," the colonel added.

Visit the AFAF page on the Robins home page at <https://www.robins.af.mil> for a list of key workers and information about the campaign.

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support combat operations around the world, so it's all the more important that we get them back when we say we will."

She said the last few C-17s produced have been returned to the flying schedule within 24 hours from the time they leave Robins.

"To me that says we're doing our job right, and they have confidence in what we're doing," she said.

Part of the difficulty in returning aircraft on time is unexpected problems that arise during program depot maintenance or PDM.

PDM is a scheduled inspection of critical areas and systems on the aircraft whereas GRIP work is done on C-17 aircraft in the form of modifications.

"We're not building airplanes; we're repairing them," said the assistant deputy chief. "When you're building them you have all the right parts ahead of when you need them. But when you're repairing them you run into issues and probably the biggest right now involve the age of the aircraft."

Aging aircraft is an inevitable concern.

"With the F-15, it's worn out flight controls," she said. "With the C-130, it's severe corrosion, and with the C-5, it's torque decks. So once we get an airplane and we

find these kinds of problems, our plan to fix them changes."

That change in plans may mean an in-depth look at systems and processes to get to the root cause of why the problem exists or manufacturing a part never needed before.

There are also war related issues, particularly with the C-130 weapon system. Corrosion from climate conditions in-theater and battle damage are the biggest with an increase of an average 4,000 hours.

Once PDM or Global Reach Improvement Program work is complete, the aircraft still must go to functional test, bringing another factor into play, especially for F-15s.

"The weather is the factor that hinders us the most in the F-15 arena," said Mrs. Stanley.

Certain weather conditions are needed to test fly an F-15, and with the large number of aircraft produced, overcast days are not good at all.

If the weather cooperates and the plane gets in the air, something breaking or not working during flight is common.

"It's not often we release an airplane on the first flight, although we have done it; you never know how the aircraft is going to perform until you get it in the air," she said.

A shortfall in meeting the fiscal 2004 Air Force Materiel Command production goal has the Center doubly committed to achiev-

ing the goal this year and everyone is doing their part.

One helpful group is the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

Mrs. Stanley said that since the reorganization, the squadron now falls under the 402nd MXG and has been working tirelessly to help support the group.

"They are blue suiters that go out in the field and do their own missions, but they have provided a lot of support to PDM here at Robins from working dock aircraft to prepping F-15s to go home," she said. "They provide surge capability."

"I'm amazed by the fortitude and knowledge the members of this squadron possess," said Capt. Chuck Payne, 653rd chief of logistics operations. "We feel when we are helping the MXG we are providing direct support to the war fighter in fighting the global war on terrorism."

Lt. Col. Paul Wood, 653rd CLSS commander, agreed.

"Ninety-five in 05 may be a production and monetary goal, but those who wear the BDUs and blue suits know the greater importance of providing more weapons systems to war fighters," said the commander. "It makes their jobs a lot easier."

To date the maintenance wing has produced 73 aircraft for fiscal 2005, all on time or ahead of schedule. Those aircraft include PDM and GRIP aircraft.

Work continues to eradicate assaults at academy

By Michael Dominguez
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The Department of Defense published cadet survey results from the nation’s three service academies March 18 that show cadets’ and mid-shipmen’s perceptions of a variety of character-related issues, including the sexual assault climate, at their respective institutions.

Some may see good news in the Air Force statistics, but even though we are encouraged the trend is moving in the right direction, we are not satisfied.

The fact that we have any incidents of sexual assault at our academy – even though these stats show our rates are down – is not “good” news. We still have work to do to make this situation better, and what we do and learn can benefit the rest of this country as

other institutions of higher education face the same challenges.

To put the service academy results in context, I invite you to examine the results of a U.S. Department of Justice-sanctioned research report titled “The Sexual Victimization of College Women” by B. Fisher, F. Cullen, and M. Turner, dated December 2000.

The Fisher Study (named for its principal author) is widely considered the most methodologically sound investigation on sexual assault at college campuses. It concluded that 1 in 5, perhaps as many as 1 in 4 college-age women will experience some form of rape or attempted rape during their college career. The study also states that, nationally, more than 15 percent of college women are sexually victimized on an annual basis; that is, sexual contact is completed with force, threat of force or some other type of coercion.

Although I am convinced our military academies provide the safest undergraduate environments in the world, we will not be satisfied until

“America’s armed forces embody the best of our nation’s ideals. This often places us at the forefront in leading positive change within our society. We led our nation in integration and civil rights more than 50 years ago. We were on the leading edge in pursuing gender equality. And, we take that charge again now as we attempt to eradicate sexual assault from our service academies... .”

sexual assault and the behaviors that foster it are eradicated from our military institutions.

This is especially significant, because we, along with the rest of the nation, properly hold the military services to a higher standard.

We are confident we have the right leadership team in place at the Air Force Academy.

Led by Lt. Gen. John Rosa, they are making significant strides toward achieving our goals:

- Making commanders at all levels

responsible for actively overseeing the effectiveness of our programs.

■ Eliminating sexual assault and any environmental factors that foster it.

■ Providing an environment where victims have the confidence to report assaults.

■ Ensuring appropriate investigations and prosecutions are conducted in a timely manner, and foremost,

■ Providing for victims’ health and well-being.

As a leading national institution,

America’s armed forces embody the best of our nation’s ideals. This often places us at the forefront in leading positive change within our society. We led our nation in integration and civil rights more than 50 years ago. We were on the leading edge in pursuing gender equality. And, we take that charge again now as we attempt to eradicate sexual assault from our service academies, with great hope that all institutions of higher education have equally ambitious aspirations.

Above all, we will continue to develop leaders of character ready to serve our nation in the profession of arms.

As such, we accept that it is our responsibility to take a leadership role in finding solutions to this troubling national issue.

We will not rest until we can look every American in the eye and tell them that their sons and daughters are safe at our academy and are receiving the very best education and training we can provide them as they aspire to be the leaders we need for the 21st century.

Could you make Coach Vince Lombardi’s football team?

By Capt. Leah Fry
380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – “I firmly believe that any man’s finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle – victorious.”

This quote doesn’t belong to George Patton or Curtis Lemay, but to one of the most successful football coaches of all time, Vince Lombardi. The principles of intensity, sacrifice, discipline and leadership

on which he coached are the same principles on which we build our future leaders in basic training and commissioning sources.

He took one of the least successful teams of its time, the Green Bay Packers, to an NFL-dominating six divisional titles and five NFL championships, as well as Super Bowls I and II and a record of 98-30-4.

How did he do it? And most importantly, how can we apply this great coach’s principles to our daily military lives to both motivate and measure our commitment to our task.

Intensity: “*You never win a game unless you beat the guy*

in front of you. The score on the board doesn’t mean a thing. That’s for the fans. You’ve got to win the war with the man in front of you. You’ve got to get your man.”

It doesn’t matter how well you did the task the day before, what matters is doing that task now – the task at hand. We don’t get to look the enemy in the eye when we kill him, but we directly support those who do, and getting our stuff done right the first time means they kill the bad guys the first time they get the chance.

Sacrifice: “*Success is like anything worthwhile. It has a price. You have to pay the price*

to win and you have to pay the price to get to the point where success is possible. Most important, you must pay the price to stay there.”

Nobody gave us the status of the world’s greatest military machine. It was earned with blood. Yet it isn’t just about the price we have paid as much as it is about the price we’re willing to pay today, tomorrow, and the next day. It’s through unwavering conviction of character and commitment to our cause that we remain a world power.

Discipline: “*Teams do not go physically flat, they go mentally stale.”*

Sometimes, when it comes right down to it, is your task really so tough? Are the conditions so terrible as to prevent you from exercising perfect discipline in your task? In some cases, if we go ‘mentally stale’ for a single moment, people may die. Mental toughness is paramount to our success.

Leadership: “*Leadership rests not only upon ability, not only upon capacity; having the capacity to lead is not enough. The leader must be willing to use it. His leadership is then based on truth and character. There must be truth in the purpose and will power in the character.”*

Step up to make the tough call when it’s unpopular. Have the integrity and initiative to step ahead of your peers to make the difference, no matter the career field, no matter the task, whether you’ve been ordered to do so or just see something that needs to be fixed.


Vince Lombardi’s ideals and character would have served amongst the greatest of generals. Although he chose football instead of a military career, his standards transcend one profession and apply to all of us in our endeavors to defeat an enemy. I challenge you to play on Coach Lombardi’s team.

Commander’s Action Line

Col. Greg Patterson

Commander

78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations.....	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Reserved space holder gets ticket

The policy of issuing tickets to holders of handicapped reserved parking spaces when they are legally parked in their space, but forget to display the handicap parking permit needs to be readdressed. As long as the spot is issued to that individual, how can his or her vehicle be illegally parked? This practice is discriminatory against those that most need reserved parking.

It’s understandable that tickets are issued to those that are parked in an open handicap space without a properly displayed handicap decal or tag. This is the same as Georgia law. However, security forces issues reserved handicap spaces by name to individuals, so it seems a quick check of records by the citing officer would reveal if a vehicle is legally parked.

I realize security forces must enforce illegal parking. However, I have never heard of a person parking in my boss’ space when he is TDY getting a ticket. I don’t see those illegally parked all day in the

visitor spots near my office get tickets. I don’t see the lady who drives the Cadillac parked in the post office loading zone by Building 301 all day get a ticket. I don’t see the lady who parks in the government vehicle space all day, abusing her “G” permit, get a ticket. These are violations of parking rules but are overlooked by security forces.

If there is an issue with handicapped people parking in their reserved handicapped spot, but without a hanging decal, then maybe Robins should consider canceling all reserved handicap spaces, paint them as open handicapped spaces, and monitor them. Then, when I forget my hanging decal, I can park legally in an open parking space or get a ticket – at least I would not get an undeserved ticket by parking in my own space.

Commander’s reply: Thank you for your action line. Please understand that if a vehicle is parked in a reserved handicap parking space, and the handicap placard is not visible, security forces have no way to ascertain the legality of the vehicle. As you pointed out, the

reserved space is for handicapped personnel and reserved for a certain office, but not by the name of an individual. When security forces run the vehicle information, they can in many cases determine where the person works, but they cannot determine if the vehicle belongs to a handicapped individual.

As for your concern about persons not being ticketed in your boss’ space while he is TDY, security forces doesn’t know the personal vehicles of all personnel with reserved spaces. Unless an agency calls security forces or the facility manager and complains that an unauthorized vehicle is illegally parked in a reserved slot, it probably will not be ticketed.

You also mentioned you don’t see other parking offenders on base receiving tickets, but I assure you that is not the case. We easily process 100-200 parking tickets a month.

Finally, if you feel your ticket was unjust, there is an appeals process to contest such actions. Contact Reports and Analysis at 926-5824, and they will provide you with the necessary information.

Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles =	3 points
11 - 15 miles =	4 points
16 - 20 miles =	5 points
21+ miles =	6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers

is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home.

The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The “Put your hands together for...” feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren’t able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month.

>>> Employees in the former Contracting Directorate win AF, AFMC-level awards

Several employees in what was formerly the Contracting Directorate have a lot to be proud of this month boasting several Air Force Materiel Command and one Air Force level award win for their performance in 2004.

Christine Clark won the Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting (supervisory) award for her work as the general policy and review branch chief.

Ms. Clark will be honored at the Air Force Awards Ceremony at the Pentagon in April. She also brought home the AFMC-level Professionalism in Contracting (supervisory) for her work as branch chief in the distributed common ground system, sensors, special projects branch. As a U2 branch lead, she implemented innovations to control costs and developed contractual structures as incentives for performance. In addition, she is president of the local chapter of the National Contract

Managers Association.

The Rockwell Corporate Contract Team from the Combat Electronic Systems Directorate won the AFMC Outstanding Contracting Team (logistics) award.

The six-member team is credited with awarding a 10-year decentralized ordering instrument valued at \$3.6 billion. The savings for spares alone will exceed \$50 million, and the secretarial justification and approval sets a precedent for world-class support. The arrangement also created a set of incentives aimed at reducing lead-time delays caused by obsolescence.

Team members include **Donna Walcott, Vickie Hutto, Michael Myers, James Caine, Polly Huffman** and **Margie Wegmann.**

Suzanne Cole won the AFMC Outstanding Contracting Air Force Civilian award.

The vehicle and miscellaneous equipment branch con-

brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too. For more information, contact Geoff Janes at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil or Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

tracting officer’s efforts in awarding five best-value contracts in support of the Base Expeditionary Airfield Resources Weapon System during fiscal 2004 proved critical to support for the war on terrorism. Because of her outstanding efforts, the war fighter will be assured of availability of this equipment for years to come.

Reba McEldowney won the AFMC Outstanding Contracting Support award.

The procurement technician

in the special programs contracting branch provided all-encompassing support for four 10-year decentralized ordering corporate contracts. In addition and on her own initiative, she established the procedures and processes for the strategic sourcing office responsible for the contracts.

All of the AFMC winners were presented with their AFMC awards at a banquet in Dayton, Ohio, Tuesday.

– Lanorris Askew

>>> 78th Medical Group earns eight awards at AFMC level for 2004

Eight members of the 78th Medical Group were recently named the best of the best in the Air Force Materiel Command.

Individuals earned major command-level awards spanning several areas of the medical field, including dentistry, aerospace medicine and mental health - a feat most attributed to a team-effort.

Capt. James Elwell, Pharmacy Services chief, who earned AFMC’s U.S Air Force Fred Coleman Award, said his achievement is a true reflection of the success of the entire medical group.

“To me, it’s phenomenal to have eight winners in our medical group, especially when we’re competing against much larger groups (in the command). I think it says a lot about Robins.”

For award recipients like Staff Sgt. Stephanie Stephens, noncommissioned officer in charge of Medical Evaluation Boards, who was named recipient of the AFMC Outstanding Health Plan Management NCO of the Year award, said the honor is something that will have a great impact on her future.

“It felt really good to get this award,” she said. “We’ve worked very hard to earn these awards. We’re all winners. When you’re surrounded by winners, it only produces more winners.”

Col. Richard Griffith, 78th Medical Group commander, who oversees more than 400 medical professionals, agreed.

“One of the great privileges of leadership is the opportunity to provide vision, resources, time and encouragement to people with great potential,” he said. “Our leadership team at the 78th MDG works hard to accomplish this; whether by empowering individuals or teams, to deal with the challenges of providing medical care to 48,000 folks. ...It’s wonderful to watch your people receiving the praise they so truly deserve.”

Recipients and awards

Staff Sgt. Jera Elmore, Brig. Gen. Sarah P. Wells Award for Outstanding NCO; **Capt. David Klingman**, Dental Junior Officer of the Year; **Capt. James Elwell**, The U.S Air Force Fred Coleman Award; **Staff Sgt. Stephanie Stephens**, Outstanding Health Plan Management NCO of the Year; **Karen McUumber**, Outstanding Health Plan Management Civilian of the Year; **Tech. Sgt. Sherry McIver**, Chief Master Sgt. Lewis W. Dunlap Award for Outstanding Mental Health NCO of the Year; **Senior Airman Stephen W. Johnson**, Olson-Wegner Outstanding Aerospace Medicine Airman of the Year; **Master Sgt. Lori Galeano**, Chief Master Sgt. Anton Zembrod Diagnostic Technologist of the Year.

– Holly L. Birchfield



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

78th Medical Group AFMC award winners include, front row from left, Master Sgt. Lori Galeano, Staff Sgt. Jera Elmore, Tech. Sgt. Sherry McIver and Senior Airman Stephen Johnson; back row from left, Capt. James Elwell, Staff Sgt. Stephanie Stephens, Karen McUumber and Capt. David Klingman.

>>> 5th Mob, 19th ARG tie for Commander’s Cup trophy



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Samuel Orr, 19th Air Refueling Group sports representative, and Col. Jeff Kennedy, 19th ARG deputy commander, accept the Commander’s Cup trophy March 3. The 19th and 5th Mob will share possession of the trophy throughout the year.



Courtesy photo

Col. Greg Patterson, installation commnader, and Col. John Lent, 5th Mob commander, hold the Commander’s Cup trophy as 5th Mob members, from left, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Fallecker, Master Sgt. Shawn Davies, Master Sgt. George Broussard, Master Sgt. Troy Hundley and Senior Airman Jeremy Thompson celebrate their co-championship win.

For the first time in Robins Commander’s Cup sports history, there was a tie for the commander’s trophy between the 19th Air Refueling Group and the 5th Combat Communications Group.

The competition consists of intramural flag football, basketball, softball, volleyball, golf and bowling. Both groups combined for a total of 130 points apiece.

The 5th Mob had participation points in all events and a first place finish in golf and a second place finish in basketball. The 19th also earned participation points in each event along with a first place finish in flag football and a second place finish in bowling.

The 653rd was third with a total of 120 points.

– John Enterman

>>> Keep on clapping

The 2004 Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs Achievement Awards winners from Robins are:

Public Affairs Director’s Excellence Award (Large Wing): **78th Air Base Wing**

Public Affairs Director’s Excellence Award for Special Achievement (Crisis Situation): **Warner Robins ALC**

Public Affairs Director’s Excellence Award, Internal Information: Runner-up, **78th ABW**

Public Affairs Director’s Excellence Award, Community Relations: **78th ABW**

Public Affairs Director’s Excellence Award, Media Relations: Runner-up, **78th ABW**

Outstanding Public Affairs NCO (Wing Level): Runner-up, **Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret**, 78th ABW

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Three bluesuiters from Robins are vying for a spot in the 2004 Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Airman/First Sergeant of the Year competition.

They will learn April 7 who will represent the command at the Air Force level. Command officials will announce the winners of the airman, NCO, senior NCO and first sergeant competitions during an awards banquet at the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight hangar.

Robins’ nominees in the command competition are:

Airman: **Senior Airman Michael P. Richter**, Band of the Air Force Reserve.

NCO: **Master Sgt. Renee S. Brown**, Headquarters AFRC.

Senior NCO: **Master Sgt. Austin R. Tosi**, Headquarters AFRC.

The command winners will compete against Airmen from other Air Force major commands and agencies.

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Four members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron team have earned recognition as best in their field from Air Force Materiel Command.

The winners of the 2004 AFMC Logistics Readiness Awards from Robins:

Maj. Jerame Cohen, Col. Cynthia L. Benulis Logistics Readiness Field Grade Officer of the Year

John H. Depew, George F. Ruestow Logistics Readiness Senior Civilian Manager of the Year

Tech. Sgt. William L. Geiger, Transportation NCO of the Year

Senior Airman Nila Hay, Transportation Airman of the Year

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The Engineering and Technical Management Awards Luncheon was held Feb. 23. The following people were presented awards:

Junior Military Engineer Award: **Capt. Ben D. Boehm**, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, deputy chief, avionics IPT

Junior Engineer Award: **Anand V. Dave**, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, system electronics engineer

Mid-Career Military Award: **Maj. Stephen R. Brooks**, Engineering Directorate, EN-2, chief, flight testing division.

Mid-Career: **W. Eric Zieg**, 402nd Maintenance Wing, electronics engineer, software engineering division.

Technical Management Award: **Joseph H. Howard**, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, electronic engineer supervisor

Support Award: **Connie H. Evans**, Engineering Directorate, lead management analyst

Individual Mobilization Augmentee Award: **Lt. Col. C. Doug Reynolds**, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, engineering IMA

Engineering Technician Award: **Richard M. Purser**, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, electronics technician

Capt. Roland R. Obenland Engineering Award - Memorial Award: **1st Lt. Joseph T. Quillin**, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, U-2 flight test engineer

Gen. James Ferguson Engineering Award: **1st Lt. Katherine I. Lysaght**, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, system engineer

Gen. Lester L. Lyles Award: **Jamie W. Cook**, Engineering Directorate, electronics engineer

Gen. Barnard P. Randolph Engineering Team Award: **Radar Operational Flight Program Team**, 402nd Maintenance Wing, **Mark A. Campbell**, lead, **James Arnette**, **Luis A. Cardona**, **Augustin Dantes**, **Jafar Ebrahimi**, **J. Todd Frye**, **Beverly Harris**, **Steve Kinman**, **Eric A. Leggette**, **Phuong Lu**, **K. Darel**



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Eric Miller, Air Force Association Carl Vinson Chapter vice president of veteran affairs, presents **Tech. Sgt. Jason Focht**, 437th Security Forces Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., with the Academic Achievement award at the Feb. 10 graduation. The award honors the Robins Noncommissioned Officer Academy graduate who attains the highest academic average.

Lundy, Yen T. Lundy, **Ed Peacock**, **Obie D. Reynolds**, **Dale Rockwell**, **Zoran Sevarlic**, **R. Karl Sperry**, **W. Dale Wimpy**, **Ben Bernal**, **Joe Coyne**, **Eric Lefstad**, **Charlie Lutz**, **Bill O’Dowd**, **Ray Palmer** and **Dave Yager**

Technical Management Team award: **ALQ-161 TPS M&M Team**, 402nd Maintenance Wing, software engineering division, **Jerry S. Grigg**, lead, **William C. Bobbitt**, **Randall D. Kitchens**, **David Berndt**, **Donald**

Davis, David J. Martens, **Laurie L. McAlister** and **Tariku W. Demas**

Senior Engineer Award: **Jay Fiebig**, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, C-130 systems engineering supervisor

Chief Engineer Award: **Dr. Thomas F. Christian**, 402nd Maintenance Wing, chief, software engineering division

Career Achievement: **Crawford Battle**, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, senior lead structural engineer

Program urges civilians to get fit while at work

By Laurel Jacobs
Civilian Personnel Office

In support of the Air Force Materiel Command-wide goal of sustaining a safe, healthy, fit, and ready work force, Headquarters AFMC and AFGE Council 214 recently entered into a Memorandum of Agreement allowing all appropriated fund Air Force civilians authorized time for structured physical fitness activity while in an official duty status.

The AFMC Civilian Fitness Program is an important step in focusing attention on programs that embrace fitness and wellness initiatives for civilians.

The program is the first of its kind within the command. John Enterman, Fitness Center director, said the program is a great opportunity to get out and start exercising.

“I really applaud our leadership and union working together to provide this opportunity to the work force,” he said. “Whether you are already engaged in a fitness program or just starting, there are many avenues to exercise. One of the best is just getting out and going for a walk. You will be surprised at how much better and invigorated you will feel when you get back to your workplace.”

Under the agreement, full-time civilians are allowed to voluntarily participate in physical fitness activities for up to three hours per week during duty time. It’s recommended that one hour minimum to 1.5 hour maximum be used per session.

Only one block of time per day is authorized and unused time from previous periods cannot be banked.

The three hours per week consists of total time away from the job and includes time for changing clothes, showering and travel time to and from the exercise location.

Physical fitness periods may be combined with authorized breaks or in conjunction with the regularly scheduled lunch period.

Activities suitable for excused absence should address cardiovascular/aerobic endurance, muscular strength, and flexibility and body conditioning.

Examples of activities that provide this result may include participation in intramural sports, running, walking and biking. Golfing, bowling and softball are examples of activities that do not.

Only on base facilities should



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, middle, Center vice commander, and Ken Percell, right, 402nd Maintenance Wing director, walk with lunchtime walkers around buildings 300 and 301 recently.

Where to get fit

Looking for fitness options? How about:

■ **Jogging trail and 15-station par course**

■ **Fitness Center running track:** Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays - anytime; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., anytime after 3 p.m.

■ **Walking tracks:** Buildings 300/301, 640/645, 321, 91, 47/48

■ **Fitness Center** (must be a member)

■ **"Walk Into Wellness" Walking Program:** Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480 for details.

be used for participation in the program. For employees whose normal duty station is not on base, approval for alternate arrangements may be made by the first-level supervisor on a case-by-case basis.

Employees electing to participate in the program must initiate a request form to their first-level supervisor containing a doctor’s certification from their primary physician.

Scheduling for participation in the program must be accomplished through the employee’s first-level supervisor, and specific times for participation will be dictated by mission requirements and approved in advance. Participants of the program will be required to maintain a diary of all activi-



ties, goals and progress.

Stephen Davis, Center executive director, said the Civilian Fitness Program is a direct reflection of the commitment to “People First, Mission Always”.

“The granting of duty time for participation in physical fitness activities is an important investment towards the overall health and wellness of our folks,” he said. “I expect the return on this investment will be evident in our employees’ personal health and their overall ability to support the WR-ALC mission.”

All civilian employees are encouraged to take advantage of the physical fitness and wellness opportunities at Robins.

The WR-ALC Civilian Physical Fitness Integrated Product Team is aggressively working to implement a number of fitness initiatives in support of the new program.

To help identify and target

specific fitness interests of civilians, the 78th MSG/SV is developing an online survey. Continue to monitor the 78th MSG/SV Web site for details.

A copy of the AFMC Civilian Fitness Program MOA and participation request form may be accessed on the Robins homepage, under “Robins News”.. Questions concerning the Civilian Fitness Leave Program may be addressed to your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802/0677.

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Outstanding

Team Robins Annual Award winners announced

They hail from units across Robins, each representing their organization with pride and honor. They are the Team Robins Annual Awards winners for 2004. The awards, which recognize outstanding service in duty, were announced during the Team Robins annual awards banquet March 11 at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

By Lanorris Askew

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Senior Airman Sean Belding

Senior Airman Sean Belding has been a member of Team Robins for only eight months, but his representation of the Air Force core values has earned him the title of Team Robins Airman of the Year. The honor left the Airman speechless.

"I never knew I would make it this far," he said. "I felt honored when I won Airman of the Year for my squadron let alone for Robins. It feels great to know my supervisor thought I was good enough to be put up for this award."

The depot aircraft structural maintenance craftsman with the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron attributes winning the award to hard work and dedication.

"When I first entered the Air Force my flight Chief at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., told me to hit the ground running and make the most of my time in the Air Force," he said. "I've always enjoyed volunteering and helping other people. I also owe winning this award to my wife Marlena. Without her support none of this would be possible."

As a craftsman he travels on tours of duty to different bases around the country to perform depot level repairs on F-15, C-130, C-5, and C-17 aircraft. During wartime he helps perform aircraft battle damage repairs.

"I've been in the Air Force three years and 10 months," said Airman Belding. "When I came into the service I was 26. I think coming in older motivated me to make the most of the Air Force."



Tech. Sgt. Sonya Stoute

Tech. Sgt. Sonya Stoute has two words to describe the night she won Robins Noncommissioned Officer of the Year – humbling and surprising.

"You're crossing your fingers when you have friends and family there because you want to be able to celebrate and not have them tell you 'oh it's alright,'" she said. "When they called my name I was truly surprised."

The sergeant attributes winning the honor to three things: commitment, diligence and loving what you do everyday.

The executive assistant to the 78th Medical Group commander said her job is taking care of the commander, the group and the mission. It ranges from correspondence and meetings to planning and the list goes on.

A native of Patterson, N.J., Sergeant Stoute has been in the Air Force for 16 years and a member of Team Robins for one year and three months.



Capt. Chuck Payne

Capt. Chuck Payne is a member of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. He has been in the Air Force for 21 years, nearly three of those at Robins. When he heard his name called as the Robins Company Grade Officer of the Year he said he was deeply honored.

"I feel this award represents all the hard work of the men and women in the Combat Logistics Support Squadron, without their efforts this would not have been possible," he said.

As the chief of logistics operations for a 333-person squadron, the captain has a lot of responsibility.

"Our squadron personnel act as an enabler force for the Air and Space Expeditionary Force tasking," he said. "We deploy globally providing aircraft battle damage repair, mobile depot field maintenance, and expeditionary transportation and supply support to Air Force, Department of Defense, and friendly nation customers at a moments notice."

He said while his name is on the award he attributes winning it to many others.

"First and foremost, this award is from the Lord's blessings," he said. "Again, Team CLSS made this happen, as a mid-level leader I receive direction and opportunities from my boss to accomplish a mission, but the tenacious efforts of our squadron personnel in the 653rd make it happen. I'm in total awe of the things they accomplish on a daily basis."

The team at work makes the mission happen, but he also gives thanks to his home team.

"My family's support was very important in me winning this award," he said. "Without their support it would be impossible to do what I do."



Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Horn

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Horn was named the Robins Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and said hearing his squadron yelling for him made the night twice as nice.

"Obviously, you can't receive this type of recognition without support and encouragement from your supervisor, commander and mentors, but this recognition would never have happened without the awesome folks in my flight," he said. "I hope they see this as a team award, because that's how I see it."

He also sees it as humbling. As the 5th Combat Communications Group's Information Systems Flight superintendent, he works with his flight commander to lead a team responsible for deploying voice and data network capability to anywhere in the world.

"I'm still amazed that we can go into the middle of nowhere and basically bring the customer communication capabilities comparable to what they have in their office back home," he said.

The 16-year Air Force veteran has been at Robins since August 2003.

Master Sgt. Jimmy Whittington

Master Sgt. Jimmy Whittington had spent the past three months helping set up the banquet as a member of the Team Robins annual awards banquet committee. On March 11, his hard work paid off in spades when his name was called as First Sergeant of the Year.

"I was excited and surprised," he said. "I've only been a shirt for nine months."

The 51st Combat Communications Squadron's first sergeant attributes winning the award to team work with his fellow officers and NCOs within the squadron.

"No matter what the situation is we always work as a team," he said. "We do our best to avert any major problems."

The Baton Rouge, L.A., native has been in the Air Force for 17 years.



Senior Airman Francisco Magana - Zaragoza

Senior Airman Francisco Magana - Zaragoza is the newest member of the Air Force among the Team Robins winners, but he is not new to hard work. The Team Robins Ceremonial Guardsman of the Year attributes winning the award to dedication and a positive attitude.

"I feel very proud to be part of such an outstanding team that honors the people who serve and defend this country," he said.

When he's not performing ceremonial details, the Airman works as an electrical systems journeyman, which includes work on the Maintenance of Airfield Lighting and High Voltage Distribution System. He has been in the Air Force for two years and six months over half of which has been at Robins.



SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club
An aero club open house will be held April 9 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Guests will enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs, free simulator time and discovery flights for \$49. The open house is open to the entire Robins community, including active duty, reserve and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members.

Auto Skills Center
The Auto Skills Center safety and orientation classes are now held every Saturday at 11 a.m. Safety classes will continue to be held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Safety and orientation class participants will receive a graduation coupon to redeem for half off on the oil change lift, (number 3 stall). The oil change lift, stall number 3 fees, will be half off Wednesdays - Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. The Auto Skills Center is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, from noon - 9 p.m.; Fridays noon to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military and their family members and DoD civilians serving Robins.

Child Development Centers East and West
In recognition of the month of the young child, the Children’s Health Fair will be held April 1 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. Booths with information on kid-friendly equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, drug and crime prevention, dental care, Tricare and other children’s health issues will be available.

Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care is available April 1 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program. An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information, call 926-5805.

Club membership
You could win a \$500 or \$1,000 vacation travel voucher to help finance your next vacation when you join the Robins Aero Club, Enlisted Club, Officers’ Club, or become an annual green fee player at Pine Oaks Golf Course now through April 30 during the “Members Wanted – It’s Where You Want to Be!” club drive.
Current club members have a chance of winning these prizes too. The aero

NASCAR driver visits Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Ricky Rudd, driver of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Air Force co-sponsored car, visits Robins March 17 and signs autographs at the Wynn Dining Hall. The facility reopened with new NASCAR memorabilia and décor as voted on by enlisted members. Airman 1st Class Jessica Koury gets an autograph from Mr. Rudd.

club, enlisted club, officers’ club and the golf course are open to all Department of Defense employees serving Robins, as well as active duty, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians. All new club members will receive a coupon booklet valued at more than \$100 to include free steak dinner, free bowling and golf, discounts at equipment rental and more. For more information, call the officers’ club at 926-2670, the enlisted club at 926-4515, the aero club at 926-4867 or the golf course at 926-4103.

Enlisted Club
Play Double Up Bingo Thursday. All regular games pay double with a \$1,000 game to go. Does not include special or jackpot games.
A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held Saturday with a practice and

warm-up session from 11 - 11:45 a.m., sign-ups starting at 11:45 a.m. and games starting at noon. Prizes to be given to the winners of the first round session and first through eighth places of the final round. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information, call the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Information, Tickets and Travel
ITT has tickets to the Macon Southern Pro Bull Riders Rodeo. The rodeos will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 1 and 2 at the Shrine Park in Macon. Tickets cost \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children 10 and younger.

Tickets are available until today for the Busch Diamond Hill Plywood and Nextel Dodge Charger 500 to be held May 6 and 7 at the Darlington

Raceway, Darlington, S.C. Cost is \$55 - \$105 per person based on seating preference and includes both races.

Officers’ Club
Easter Sunday brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday. Easter candy will be given to the children.

A Monte Carlo night is slated for April 16 from 7 - 11 p.m. Enjoy free heavy hors d’oeuvre, \$300 in poker money and two free beverage tickets. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

Pizza Depot
Pizza Depot will be closed Sunday in observance of Easter.

Skills Development Center
The skills development center will hold classes in **acrylic painting** Tuesday from 10 a.m. - noon, cost is \$12.50; **landscapes in oil** (evenings) Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m., cost is \$12.50; **landscapes in oil** (daytime) Thursday from 10 a.m. - noon, cost is \$12.50; **watercolor animals** Monday from noon - 2 p.m., cost is \$10; **calligraphy** Thursday from 10 - 11 a.m., cost is \$10; **scratch board art** Monday at 11:30 a.m., cost is \$10; and **sewing** Wednesday from 10 - 11 a.m., cost is \$10. Registration and payment is required for all classes. Class space is limited. All classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information, call 926-5282.

Smith Community Center
The 15th annual Military Team Bass Fishing tournament will be held May 1 - 6 at Lake Eufaula, Ala. Cost is \$160 per team. For more information, visit www.militarybass.com.

3-C Unit Challenge
March 3C events for units to earn pogs towards the traveling trophy are:
■Family Night Bingo will be held at the community center Monday. Receive a pog and win prizes at this bingo game designed for the whole family. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per package. (Limit three packages per person).
■It’s time to break out your favorite cookie recipes, for the Colossal Cookie Challenge Thursday at the community center. The cookie challenge has five categories to enter: decorated holiday and special occasion cookies, no-bake cookies, healthy cookies, cookie-maker and dietary cookies. Please register by completing a registration form at the community center by Tuesday.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – The Aviator – Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett
A snapshot of the life of Howard Hughes as he begins to direct the 1930 film “Hell’s Angels” starring Jean Harlow. *Rated PG-13 (thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and crash sequence) 169 minutes*

Saturday 2 p.m. – Son of the Mask – Jamie Kennedy and Alan Cumming
Aspiring cartoonist Tim Avery is reluctant to become a father when he finds that he has to take care of a baby with amazing abilities. *Rated PG (action, crude and suggestive humor and language) 86 minutes*

7:30 p.m. – The Passion of the Christ – Jim Caviezel and Maia Morgenstern
Over the last 12 hours of Christ’s life, he is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and condemned to death for blasphemy. He is brought before Pontius Pilate for sentencing. The crowd demands his death, so Pilate orders his crucifixion. Jesus is severely beaten and made to carry his cross to Golgotha, the hill outside Jerusalem, where he is nailed to the cross. *Rated R (sequences of graphic violence) 127 minutes*

COMING SOON
April 1 – **Hitch** – Will Smith and Eva Mendes
April 2 – **Sahara** – Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn and Penelope Cruz
April 2 – **Constantine** – Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Islamic
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.
Jewish
Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.
Orthodox Christian
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.
Protestant
General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Financial workshop
The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop today, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, room 127. A comprehensive workbook will be provided, and information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Deployed Families Night Out
There will be a Deployed Families Night Out at Stevi B’s Pizza, 2907 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Cost is free to family members of deployed spouses. You must pre-register with the Family Support Center by noon today. To sign-up or for more information, call 926-3453. No federal endorsement is implied.

Relocation assistance
Relocation Assistance at the FSC has

videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for check-out. A Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES) that has information on all military installations worldwide is also available. For more information, contact Relocation Assistance at 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings
Pre-deployment briefings are offered twice weekly by the FSC readiness team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

Job fair
The FSC and Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair May 20, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend. The fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members, and the Middle Georgia community. Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

Career focus
Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilians to identify

skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information about career concerns or to schedule an appointment, call 926-1256.

Car care program
The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member’s remote tour, TDY/deployment. To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member’s orders by the FSC.

Airman’s attic
The Airmen’s Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below

are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children’s clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman’s Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a “Wish List.” Airmen are encouraged to list their needs on the wish list.

Morale call program
Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he or she is located, to the family member. The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call. Please choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center
Wear your favorite college basketball apparel during March Madness and pay \$1.50 per game, as long as your team stays in the tournament.

Fitness Center
Letters of intent for golf are due April 1 at the fitness center.

Golf Course
Pine Oaks Golf Course has Friday dates open for tournaments. This par-71 course features four sets of tees to challenge golfers of all skills levels. Open dates for Friday tournaments include the following: April 8 and 15, May 13, July 8, Aug. 5, 12 and 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25. To plan a fun and successful golf tournament, please call Dave Semmel

at 926-4103.
A spring break junior golf clinic will be held Monday through Thursday. Times are 8:30 - 10 a.m. for 7 to 9 year olds, 10:30 am. - noon for 10 to 12 year olds and 1 - 2:30 p.m. for 13 year olds and older. Cost is \$60 per student. For more information, call 926-4103.

Check smoke alarms to keep families safe

By Holly L. Birchfield
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A home’s smoke alarms are your family’s first line of defense against fires. And Tommy Kennedy, assistant fire chief for the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron’s Fire Prevention Office, said maintaining smoke alarms is one of the most important things people can do to protect their families from the flames of danger.

“Smoke detectors are early warning (systems) to alert people in the home that there’s a possible fire,” he said. “Smoke detectors are designed to pick up the smallest particles and alert people so they can get out of the home. It’s important to take care of them so they work when you need them.”

To ensure smoke alarms remain in good working condition, Mr. Kennedy said people should conduct routine tests of

each alarm in the house, by pressing the test button, every 30 days, as well as using a clean cloth to clear any dust from the unit.

Mr. Kennedy said he recommends people schedule a practice run of their family’s fire evacuation plan along with inspection and testing of the alarm system to ensure all family members know what to do if a fire were to occur.

While most base homes are equipped with hard wire smoke alarms, systems that are connected to the house’s power source, people who live in homes with battery-operated smoke alarms should change the alarm’s battery every six months.

Mr. Kennedy said while it’s recommended that homes have at least one smoke detector outside of sleeping areas and on each level of a home, the necessary number of smoke alarms for families is dependent upon the

What to know

Battery-operated smoke alarms should be replaced every 15 years. Hard-wired smoke alarms should be replaced every 25 years. For more information on maintaining smoke alarms, contact the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron’s Fire Prevention Office at 926-2145.

size and structure of each home.

Thomas Schoonover, a base fire protection engineer and technician with the 778th CES Fire Prevention Office, said keeping smoke alarms working in a home could mean the difference between life and death.

“Statistics show that smoke alarms save lives,” he said. “People need to make sure they’re installed properly and do their monthly checks to keep them working. It’s not something to neglect.”

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Base Theater. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

AFA awards luncheon

The Carl Vinson Chapter of the Air Force Association will host its annual awards luncheon April 14 to recognize outstanding military and civilian performers. Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will assist in presenting the awards. The luncheon will be held at the Officers’ Club and will begin at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend to help recognize Team Robins’ best. Cost is \$13. To make reservations for the luncheon, contact Danielle Cousins at 926-5434 or Angela Burks at 926-5462.

Earth Day Golf Tournament

Environmental Management and Society of American Military Engineers are hosting the 2005 Earth Day Golf Tournament. It will be held at Pine Oaks Golf Course April 21. Format is four-person scramble with shotgun start at noon. Play will be from best ball. Come out and enjoy a day on the greens. Cost is \$45 per person (covers lunch, goody bag, green fees,

cart, range balls, beverages and prizes). To register, contact Ken Wharam at 926-5794 or Steve Smith at 926-1197 extension 142.

Historic Forest Ceremony

The Historic Forest Ceremony will be at 9 a.m. April 22 at the Parade Field. If an individual or organization would like to memorialize someone, contact Marilyn DeMetrick at 926-1197 extension 174. Trees need to be ordered no later than April 8.

Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased Team Robins members will be May 26 at 10 a.m. in the garden across from the Officers’ Club. Diane Gross, project officer, will accept submissions for people to be memorialized until April 22. Honorees can be civilian or military members. For information, contact Ms. Gross at 926-6203 or diane.gross@robins.af.mil.

Scholarship, leadership development award

The Carl Vinson Chapter of the Air Force Association is now accepting applications for the Sherrill Stafford Leadership Development Award and Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship can be used to defray education expenses as well as tuition. The deadline for applications is May 1. All interested applicants should contact the Base Education Office at 327-7325.

OSC Thrift Shop

The Officers’ Spouses Club Thrift Shop is accepting resumes now through April for two paid positions for fall 2005-spring 2006. The positions are:

Bookkeeper: The bookkeeper is responsible for writing all checks for the shop. He/she issues monthly consignment checks, pays Thrift Shop expenses, and prepares a monthly budget for submission to the OSC Board.

Cleaning Service: The cleaner is responsible for basic cleaning of the Thrift Shop on the days prior to its opening. Cleaning duties includes vacuuming, sweeping, mopping and dusting.

Resumes may be delivered to the Thrift Shop on Wednesdays or Fridays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or to the OSC mailbox inside the Officers’ Club. For more information, call 923-1686.

Tax center

The tax center is open on a walk-in basis Mondays through Thursdays. Sign up begins at 11:30 a.m. The center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. Items needed for tax preparation are W-2s for jobs and DITY moves if any, 1099s, 1098s, SSNs, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit (preferably a voided check), power of attorney if applicable, childcare provider’s name, SSN or tax ID number, address, child care cost, and any other necessary documentation. For more information, call 926-2391/2635.

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Senior official visits Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by Gary Cutrell

The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Michael L. Dominguez, visited Robins March 16-17. Mr. Dominguez heads a four-division department in Washington, D.C. that deals at the policy level with Air Force manpower and Reserve affairs issues, and is responsible for force management and personnel, equal opportunity and diversity, Reserve affairs and Air Force review boards. While at Robins, Mr. Dominguez enjoyed breakfast with troops who had recently returned from deployments and toured the facilities of the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, 402nd Software Maintenance Group and C-130 programmed maintenance. From left are Col. John Medlin, F-15 production branch chief; Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, Center vice commander; Mr. Dominguez; Ken Percell, 402nd Maintenance Wing director; and Lt. Col. Alex Cruz-Martinez, F-15 production branch deputy.

Personnel records to stay at AFPC

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Airmen who retire or separate don’t have to wait several months to receive requested copies of certain records because of a recent change in how the Air Force maintains personnel records.

The 49-year-old practice of sending nearly 5,500 personnel records each month to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis ended in February as part of an effort to save money and give Airmen better access to their records, officials said.

“People usually have a lengthy wait before receiving copies of their records from the NPRC, and it costs the Air Force around \$8 million a year to maintain records there,” said Jo Hogue, chief of master personnel records at the Air Force Personnel Center here. “That price tag would keep increasing if we sent more records to the NPRC, and our customers wouldn’t have the accessibility we’ll be able to provide.”

In the meantime, former active-duty Airmen who retired or separated on or after Oct. 1, 2004, can request copies of records by writing to AFPC/DPFFCMP, 550 C St. W., Suite 19, Randolph AFB, TX 78150 or faxing (210) 565-4021 or DSN 665-4021.

People requesting their own records need to send a signed note that includes their name, Social Security number, contact information and specific record requested. Those requesting a relative’s record also need to provide their relationship to the former Airman.

Former Guard and Reserve Airmen who retired or separated on or after Oct. 1, 2004, can write to HQ ARPC/PSDC, 6760 E. Irvington Place, Suite 4000, Denver, CO 80280 or fax (303) 676-7071 or DSN 926-7071.

Those who retired or separated before Oct. 1, 2004, can visit the NPRC Web site for record request instructions.

This change does not affect the disposition of medical and dental records, Mrs. Hogue said.